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AND ZINC STUDY GROUP, JULY 3-6, 1978

1. INTERNATIONAL LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP (ILZSG) SEC
GEN BUCK ON JUNE 16 CIRCULATED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM
JAPAN CONCERNING THE 22ND SESSION OF THE ILZSG:

"DEAR MR. BUCK,

CONCERNING THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE 22ND SESSION
OF THE LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP, THE COMMENTS OF THE
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) WE SUPPORT THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA IN GENERAL, AND IN
PARTICULAR WE AGREE THAT A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT ZINC
SITUATION MUST BE CONTINUED.
- 2) WE DON'T ANTICIPATE THAT THE CURRENT IMBALANCE IN THE
CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION OF ZINC WILL CHANGE NOTICE-
ABLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR 1978, AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT
AT THIS MEETING A CONSENSUS WILL EMERGE AS TO THE
NECESSITY OF REDUCING THE LEVEL OF PRODUCTION OF ZINC
METAL.
- 3) BECAUSE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS ZINC METAL PRODUCTION
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CANNOT BE REDUCED WITHOUT REDUCTION OF MINE PRODUCTION,
WE HOPE THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING MINE PRODUCTION
WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.

- 4) WE THINK IT ADVISEABLE TO TRY TO FORMULATE AT THE
MEETING WORLD-WIDE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM FORECASTING OF
PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF ZINC ON THE BASIS OF
FIGURES PROVIDED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES.

YOURS SINCERELY,
SHIGEO TAKENAKA
FIRST SECRETARY (COMMERCIAL)"

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